





## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The assault with firearms killings in the Paducah, KY high school last week is tragic. Three young teenage girls were killed, another paralyzed, several other wounded and a 14 year old boy has ruined his life and left scars on untold numbers of adults and other youngsters. Death is a shock, but even greater when it is the senseless death of a young person with a whole life ahead of him or her. Try as we might, it is impossible to fully understand how anyone could do such a thing. These kids were apparently doing nothing to harm anyone, in fact were the kind of children anyone would dream of having - good kids, involved as leaders and examples for their peers, etc. There have been, and continue to be a lot of theories on "why the boy did the shooting." We have our own ideas. This kid was unable to separate his computer games from reality. He played the games today and tomorrow could start over with the same players, just as if nothing had happened. We suspect something was not right in his brain, and/or he was obsessed with the computer games and had killed those folks, including at least one very good friend, before he knew what was happening. Now, that didn't cost you a thing and it was just as valid as those from the TV commentators.

The death of these kids has bothered us. Last week we caught part of the funeral of the three girls live on CNN. Watching the participation of the community and their fellow classmates was gut wrenching, to say the least. We somewhat disagree with the first minister however. He said the girls left a void. We don't think so. Those girls were shining examples for youths everywhere. Yes they are dead, but the memories their families and friends are left with are enormous, as are the pictures the rest of us have of them and the others in that small group of students going about their lives in that one high school. Their families should find comfort in the fact those girls... their children, found a way to openly, and legally, conduct their prayers in school, while here in Alabama, we look to our greatest leaders who can only hold press conferences and argue in court.

Now, enough of that. The rescheduled Elba Christmas Festival is this Saturday. There is some rain predicted this week, but maybe it will rain out before Saturday. The organizers of this event have put a lot of effort into planning it - twice. It is the Southern thing to do for us to come out Saturday and show our appreciation for their tireless efforts. Ya'll come!

El Niño is coming, signs are already here. California folks are getting hit by the bad weather this week. We urge anyone who is in a potential flood area to be sure they have flood insurance. While the ravages of the odd weather may not cause us any undue harm, can you afford to take the chance? The government bailed out a lot of folks in 1990 and some again in 1994, but keep warning us that one day they are going to turn the other way because we failed to buy the available insurance policies.

Several years ago our schools were being encouraged to adopt the Japanese methods of teaching because their students score so much higher than Americans on certain tests. Now we are reading reports that the adoption of the Japanese methods are why several Southeast Asian countries now have their economies in ruins. Now, which is right? It might not be so bad after all if we just retain that Southern conservative attitude and do things the way we did them last year and 50 years ago... 2 + 2 is still 4 and 12 inches make a foot.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 1 Thru DECEMBER 7, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 1, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, two criminal mischief, three burglaries, one burglary, two assaults, one dog bite, and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrest was made: one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: nine for speeding and one for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1** - River stage - 17.55 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2** - River stage - 15.49 feet (6:09 a.m.); Fight reported on Guyton St. (7:43 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3** - River stage - 14.77 (6:47 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Clayton Ave. (1:27 p.m.); Prowler reported on Teresa St. (5:16 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 420 (10:22 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4** - River stage - 14.90 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (11:28 a.m.); Shots fired in Mulberry Heights (6:18 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to trailer fire behind Reynolds Cabinet Shop (7:05 p.m.).

### DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the period of December 2, 1997 through December 8, 1997. They were: Mary Stinson, James Kilpatrick, Peggy Faulk, Ludyne Chandler, Renee Curry, Sheila Bryant, Betty Sams, Samuel Siler, Katherine Cole, William Henderson, Margaret Hussey, Rita Kay Hudson, Jeanette Morgan, Elvira Thomas, Malcolm Pippin, Henry Eiland, Jessie Davis, Unalyn Kay, Fred Cox, Alma Caylor, David McKenzie, Maquida Powell, Brittany Arnette, and Glenda Jackson.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Doris Hughes, Chris Danley, Ruby McWaters, Annie Clark, Ludyne Chandler, Kay Hudson, Jeanette Morgan, James Kilpatrick, Sheila Bryant, Katherine Cole, Renee Curry, Betty Sams, Peggy Faulk, Samantha Siler, William Henderson, Michael Blocker, Elijah Edwards, Mary Stinson, Lucille Armstrong, Jessie Davis, Margaret Hussey, Frances Gettsch, and Maquida Powell.

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

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Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We did a little Christmas shopping over the weekend and the girls just couldn't wait to wrap the presents and get them under the tree. Dad doesn't do a very good job of wrapping, so the girls took turns wrapping each other's gifts, and they did let Dad pick out the color of the bows. Hey, it's getting close!

### Scanning The Dial In Sports....

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers saw their record move to 4-1 last week with wins over Goshen and Opp, and an upset loss to Zion Chapel. The Tigers played their best ball of the season in the wins over Goshen and Opp, and showed all Elba fans that the Tigers will be a team to reckon with as the season rolls along. Junior point-guard Eric Jordan stepped up in all three games and is turning into a solid player, while the rest of the team also stepped it up a notch in Friday night's win over Opp and really gave it 110 percent in getting the tough road win. There is still a lot of basketball left this season; however, Coach Marlon Johnston has the Elba fans excited about basketball and everyone hopes the best is yet to come.

\*\*\*The high school football playoffs are now in the championship round, and for the first time in many years there is only one defending state champ around to try and repeat. Blount clubbed previously undefeated Sylacauga 35-7 to punch its ticket to the "Super Six," but in the other five classes there are new faces around fighting to get a state championship trophy. Probably the biggest surprise comes in 6A, where Benjamin Russell claimed its fourth straight upset win to advance and battle Tuscaloosa County, which was the runner-up in its area. The best game? It has to be in the 5A ranks, where Blount will defend its crown against powerful Etowah. It should be an exciting three days for everyone involved.

\*\*\*The area basketball teams are well into their basketball seasons, and while none of the teams are off to a fast start, all three county teams are improving and should be headed for solid seasons. New Brockton moved its slate to 4-3 last week and has as much quickness and desire as any team around, while Zion Chapel has a team that gives it all it has every single minute and will win a bunch of games, and Kinston will win despite the loss of 68" center Allen Bowdoin with a broken arm. It is going to be a fun season to be a fan, so, go watch a game when you get a chance.

\*\*\*I watched the SEC championship game Saturday night and was amazed that Tennessee could win despite turning the ball over six times. The Vols had a good team and may very well deserve the conference title, but Saturday night they played like they were in awe of the setting, and Auburn's aggressive defense almost made enough plays to pull off the win. I know the Auburn fans are disappointed, but the Tigers batted until the end and had a very good season.



Elba Lady Tiger Lindsey Jared (20) dribbles up court in the Lady Tigers win over Zion Chapel. The Lady Tigers own a 2-5 record after three weeks of basketball action.

## NOTICE

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And Will Be Delinquent

**FEBRUARY 1, 1998**

There Will Be A Penalty Fee  
Plus Interest Charged If Not  
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Municipal Ordinances require that all persons engaged in any exhibition, trade, business, vocation, occupation, profession or calling or doing any action specified within the corporate limits/police jurisdiction of THE CITY OF ELBA are subject to a BUSINESS LICENSE.

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CITY CLERK

# Sports

## Tiger "D" dooms Goshen 55-35

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead late in the second quarter and then pulled away in the second half to dump the Goshen Eagles 55-35, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 3-0, while Goshen fell to 0-1 with the loss.

The Tigers had problems against the taller Eagles in the early going and led only 10-6 after one quarter, then saw Goshen go on a 6-0 run to open the second quarter to grab the lead at 12-10.

Eric Jordan converted a three-point play midway through the second quarter to put Elba back on top 19-17, and the Tigers closed with a 6-1 run to go in at the half with a 25-18 advantage.

Goshen cut the lead to 25-20 early in the third quarter; however, the Tigers stepped up their defensive pressure and outscored the Eagles 11-4 for the remainder of the stanza to carry a 36-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Tiger defense blanked the Eagles for the opening 3:21 of the final stanza as Elba increased its lead to 43-24, and the Tigers easily held on to claim the impressive 55-35 win.

Tim Ware scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Derrick Thigpen added 14. Cope led Goshen with 10 points.

E 10 15 11 19 - 55  
G 6 12 6 11 - 35

Elba (55): Thigpen 14, Robinson 5, Silar 3, Wicker 5, Ware 18, Jordan 7, Duncan 2, Murdoch 1.

## Rebels ambush Tigers 70-54

The Elba Tigers saw their three-game winning streak come to an unexpected end Thursday night as the Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed the Tigers 70-54, at Zion Chapel.

The loss left Elba with a 3-1 record, while Zion Chapel improved to 2-4 with the win.

The Tigers couldn't buy a basket in the first quarter and scored only one point in the opening six minutes of the game as Zion Chapel pulled out to a 7-1 lead.

Elba pulled within 7-4 with .05 left in the quarter on a free-throw by Derrick Duncan, but the Rebels' Wesley Clark hit a three-pointer at the buzzer and after one quarter the Rebels were on top 10-4.

Zion Chapel moved ahead 17-9 with 2:59 left in the second quarter on a pair of free-throws by Ben Pritchett, and took its biggest lead of the half at 20-11 with 2:10 left on the clock on a free-throw by Junior Jones.

Elba reeled off six quick points and cut the lead to 20-17 with 1:15 left in the stanza, and went in at the half still trailing 22-19.

Courtney Robinson and Eric Jordan sparked an Elba rally early in the third quarter as the Tigers took their only lead of the night at 23-22 with 7:03 left in the period.

The Rebels answered the Elba challenge with a 5-0 run to regain the lead at 27-23 with 5:31 remaining in the quarter, and the two cross-county rivals swapped baskets for the remainder of the stanza as the Rebels carried a 39-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Zion Chapel threatened to blow the game open early in the final stanza and took a 47-35 lead with 5:30 left in the game on a lay-up by Jamie Hall, only to see the Tigers come storming back and cut the lead to 50-49 with 2:38 left on the clock on a three-pointer by Eric Jordan.

A jumper by Jordan pulled Elba within 55-54 with 1:24 remaining in the game; however, the Tigers failed to score for the remainder of the game, while Zion Chapel hit on 13 of 20 free-throws in the final 1:18 to claim the 70-54 win.

Eric Jordan scored 19 points and Courtney Robinson added 12 for the Tigers, while Wesley Clark scored 24 points to lead Zion Chapel, which converted on 34 of 66 free-throws throughout.

ZC 12 17 31 - 70  
EL 4 15 15 20 - 54

Z.C. (70): Grantham 11, Law 3, Clark 24, Pritchett 7, Hall 17, Jones 6, Sanders 2.

Elba (54): Thigpen 4, Jordan 19, Silar 2, Wicker 8, Ware 4, Robinson 12, Duncan 3, Murdoch 2.

Elba Lady Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 35-30 win over Zion Chapel.

The Lady Tigers trailed 10-7 after one quarter, but outscored the Lady Rebels 12-5 in the second quarter to grab a 19-15 halftime ad-

Goshen (35): Ellis 6, Hall 2, Darby 6, Pelton 2, Cope 10, Green 9.

### (GIRLS' GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 1-5 with a 55-31 loss to Goshen.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 14-0 early in the game, trailed 31-12 at the half, and never threatened in taking the loss.

Vaughan Boyd scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Lane led Goshen with 20 points.

G 21 10 16 8 - 55  
E 5 7 9 10 - 31

Goshen (55): Miniard 2, Pelton 1, Brown 6, Cowart 8, Lane 20, Duncan 12, Osunde 2, Ellis 4.

Elba (31): Vaughan 5, Lewis 3, Daniels 6, Boyd 10, Jared 5, McKinnon 2.

### (B GAME)

The Elba B team pushed its record to 3-0 with a 48-36 win over Goshen.

The Tigers trailed 11-3 after one quarter, but pulled even at 19-19 by the end of the half and then outscored the Eagles 19-9 in the third quarter to take command and roll to the win.

Wayne Reed scored 28 points to lead Elba, while Ticker led Goshen with 13.

Elba (48): Lawford 2, Hodge 7, Reed 28, Hill 7, Coleman 4.

Goshen (36): Ticker 13, Scott 4, Kennedy 2, Rogers 9, Berry 2, Merrill 6.

## Elba shocks Bobcats 71-69

The Elba Tigers rebounded from Thursday night's upset loss to Zion Chapel by taking a thrilling 71-69 overtime win over the Opp Bobcats, Friday night in Opp.

The win upped Elba's record to 4-1, while Opp slipped to 5-2 with the loss.

Teleshia Daniels scored 11 points to lead Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to a 10-point lead, only to see the Tigers rally and cut the lead to 16-14 by the end of the opening stanza.

The Bobcats took charge early in the game and jumped out to a 10-point lead, only to see the Tigers rally and cut the lead to 16-14 by the end of the opening stanza.

Opp stretched its lead to 36-30 by the end of the half and appeared to be in command; however, Elba staged a rally of its own and behind the play of Eric Jordan and Marcus Silar cut the Bobcats' lead to 49-47 with one quarter left to play.

Elba continued to battle the Bobcats throughout the final stanza and forced the game into overtime, where Johnny Coleman hit a short jumper with .03 left to give the Tigers the exciting 71-69 win.

Marcus Silar scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Eric Jordan added 15 and Johnny Coleman and Tim Ware both scored 12. Vincent Smith scored 19 to lead Opp.

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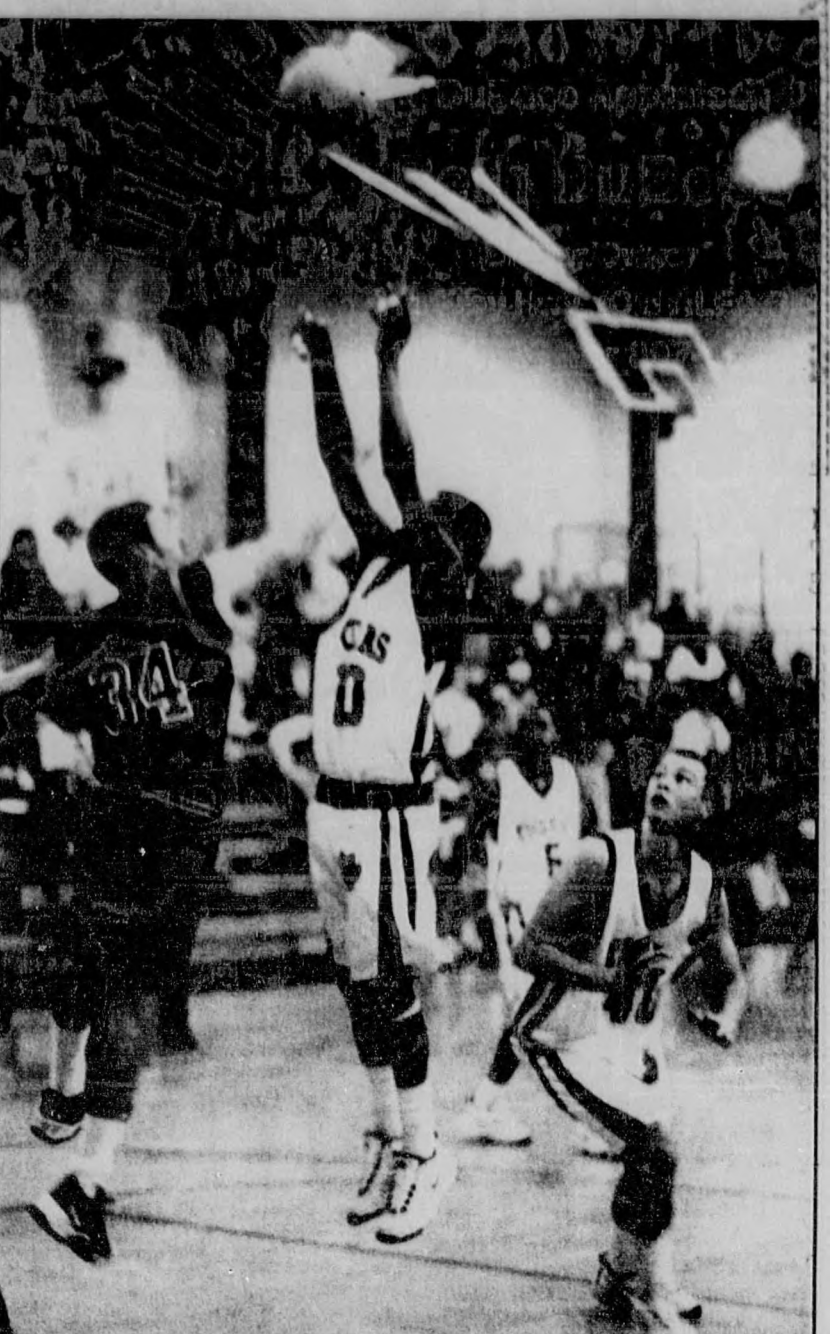
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Elba's Courtney Robinson (10) shoots over a Zion Chapel defender during recent Elba basketball action. Teammate Mark Wicker (40) prepares to move into rebounding position.

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## Place four players on team

## Kinston dominates All-SCAC volleyball team



TOP HONORS...in SCAC volleyball went to Allie Sumblin-Player of the Year, and Amelia Rhoades-Coach of the Year. Both honorees were from Kinston High School.

### SOUTH CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE "ALL-CONFERENCE" VOLLEYBALL

Allie Sumblin, Kinston  
Tiffany Rhoades, Kinston  
Kaci Fleming, Kinston  
Suzanne Rhoades, Kinston  
Carli Dunn, Samson

Kelli White, Samson  
Nikki Matthews, G.W. Long  
Dawn Owens, New Brockton  
Leticia Smith, New Brockton  
Ginny McCarroll, Houston Ac.

Coach-of-Year: Amelia Rhoades, Kinston

Player-of-Year: Allie Sumblin, Kinston

HONORABLE MENTION: Lana Odom, Kinston; Brenda Creech, Samson; Keshia Wisham, G.W. Long; Nicole Meeks, New Brockton; Kacie Johnson, Houston Academy.

## Youth basketball rosters announced for '98 season

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has released its team rosters of the 1998 Youth Basketball League season.

Following are complete team rosters in all age divisions:

### GIRLS' 8 & UNDER

#### Rockers



Richard Fletcher - County Extension Agent

## Christmas trees are part of holiday fun

Part of the fun of Christmas is having a Christmas tree. If you really want to have some fun, this year when selecting a Christmas tree consider purchasing a live, local grown Christmas tree from one of our Coffee County Christmas Tree Farmers. Make this a family outing, as part of your Christmas celebration and adventure. There are four local Christmas tree farms in Coffee County.

James Price Farm (347-4218) is two miles north of Enterprise on Highway 27. Sisson Farm (897-5515) is approximately 12 miles

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## All hams are not created equal

Ham is a holiday favorite that comes in many disguises. For a delightful dinner offering, serve your guests a fresh ham roast. Fresh ham, one of the leanest pork cuts, makes a uniform shape during cooking. These hams range in size from 3 pounds to about 10 pounds, and like all fresh pork should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°.

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1 4-to-5 pound boneless fresh ham  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1 1/2 cups pineapple juice  
2 tablespoons frozen  
orange juice concentrate  
4 teaspoons soy sauce  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon curry powder  
1/2 teaspoon grated ginger root

Place ham on rack in open roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of ham, not touching fat. Season with garlic salt. Bake in a 325° oven for 2 to 3 hours (allow 25 to 30 minutes per pound) or until meat thermometer registers 160° F.

## Grilled Fresh Ham

1 4- to 5-pound boneless  
fresh ham (pork leg)  
3/4 cup chili sauce  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced

Prepare basted ham in covered barbecue. Place ham in center of grill over a drip pan and close grill. Grill over slow coals for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until meat thermometer registers 160° F.

For sauce, in a small mixing bowl combine chili sauce, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard and garlic; mix well. Brush ham frequently with sauce during the last hour of grilling time. Let ham stand at least 10 minutes before carving to allow juices to set. Makes 12 to 15 servings. Calories per 3-oz serving: 220.

## FSA Election results listed

Results of the Dec. 1 election of FSA Committee persons in Local Administrative Area No. 2 were announced by Dennis Smith, chairman of the Coffee County FSA Committee.

Of a total of 1425 farmers eligible to vote, 180 votes were cast. Farmers elected were: County Committee Member - Kenneth Carney; First Alternate - Kenneth Baker; Second Alternate - Kathy M. Rozean. Smith also announced that an organizational meeting will be held at the first regular COC meeting in January, before regular COC business is conducted.

The chairman, vice-chairperson and regular member will be determined at this meeting.

## Peanut Producers Forum announced

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association has scheduled a producer forum to be held on Dec. 11 at the Westgate Recreation Center in Dothan, beginning at 10 a.m.

In addition to input from peanut growers, a host of experts will also be discussing the current peanut situation, including Dallas Hartzog - Peanut Agronomist; Marshall Lamb and Joe Dornier - National Peanut Research Laboratory; Tim Sanders - Food Safety/Quality issues, and Congressman Terry Everett (R-AL).

All persons interested in the discussion are invited. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

For more information call 334/792-6482.

## Fleming is on aircraft carrier

Navy Airman Recruit Robert Fleming, son of Robert and Dorena Fleming of Rt. 4, Elba, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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## MISS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WINNERS



ELBA'S MISS CHRISTMAS for 1997 is Shannille Rowe.



ELBA'S LITTLE MISS CHRISTMAS for 1997 is Kerston Collins, left; runners-up were left from Miss Collins: 1st runner up was Anna Petty; 2nd runner up was Megan Anderson and 4th runner up was Lindsey Stokes.



ELBA'S MINI MISS CHRISTMAS for 1997 is Anna Anderson, left. Runners up were left from Miss Anderson: 1st runner up was Collette Newsum; 2nd runner up was Emily Bradshaw; 3rd runner up was Amanda Brown.

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This volume of people in managed care likely has slowed the increase in insurance costs. Premiums for employer-sponsored family coverage rose 2.5 percent in 1995.

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To keep "Fore!" from becoming "Ouch!", golfers should warm up before getting to the tee box. Athletic trainer Drew Ferguson of the UAB Sports Medicine Clinic says, "Golfing may look like a walk in the spring sun, but the forces generated by the golf swing can cause pulled muscles and lower back pain, among other injuries."

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## Older generation has sacrificed enough

We were embarrassed to read that President Clinton has said that the older generation must learn to sacrifice. We know that eventually someone would ferret out our dirty little secret. We have lived the "Life of Riley" all our lives and now we must pay the piper.

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Many could choose to dine at one of the country's fabulous soup kitchens, often joined by parents and siblings. Then came World War II, and our cup was really filled to overflowing. After cruising the beautiful waters near Hawaii in that great big canoe club called the U.S. Navy and seeing many fireworks, day and night, many of us got to see the "Great Fireworks" display provided by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. We had a chance to bask on the beaches of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Leyte, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. We had the chance to visit the capitals of Europe and visit such scenic spots as Bastogne and Monte Cassino. One of the most exhilarating strolls was from Batuan to the famous Japanese resorts, laughingly referred to as death camps. The good times really rolled for those lucky enough to be on the beaches of Normandy for boating and swimming on that pleasant day in June 1944. Instead of asking "what can you do for your country," an indulgent government let us fritter away our youth wandering through the lush green jungles of Burma, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Yes, it's all true. We are pampered and spoiled rotten. We never did learn what sacrifice meant. My generation is old, President Clinton. Please continue to punish us for our failings so we might learn the true meaning of "duty, honor and country," and love for our creator. (Editor's Note: This was forwarded to us. Source not identified.)

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## Major change for car tags in 1998

If an individual purchases or acquires a vehicle having a current and valid tag, the new owner is required to remove the tag and return it to the issuing official of his resident county. However, if the tag has expired, the new owner is not required to turn in the license plate to the issuing official.

There are two exceptions to the tag-follow-law in which certain distinctive tags or standard license plates will remain with the vehicle.

One is related to the transfer of ownership from a parent to a child of a vehicle displaying Helping Schools, Collegiate, Environmental, or Personalized tag.

The second involves the transfer of ownership to a surviving spouse of a vehicle. Note, however, that if a vehicle bears a distinctive license plate or a registration fee-exempt license plate for which the current owner would not qualify, the tag must be turned in to the licensing official within 30 days of the date in which the spouse obtains ownership.

The current owner of the vehicle must then apply for registration of the vehicle and obtain a new tag.

A new owner has ten calendar days in which to transfer his license

plate from his previously owned vehicle to his newly acquired vehicle. The transfer fee will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Failure to register the vehicle within the 10-day period will result in a \$10 delinquent penalty.

Act 96-746 also requires the motor vehicle owners to retain a copy of their current year registration receipt in the vehicle beginning with the 1998 registration year.

Upon request, drivers must present the registration receipt to law enforcement officers for inspection. Failure to do so could result in a \$50 minimum fine.

Additional information concerning the above changes may be obtained from the Coffee County Probate Judge's Office at 897-2211 in Elba or 347-2688 in Enterprise.

The new year, 1998, will ring in some major changes for tag offices across the state.

Alabama Legislative Act 96-746 requires that a vehicle tag remain with the current license plate owner when a vehicle is sold, beginning January 1, 1998.

According to William O. Gammon, Coffee County Probate Judge, this change in Alabama's registra-

tion law is a very important one for all vehicle owners.

"No longer will motor vehicle tags remain with the vehicle following the sale or transfer of ownership," Judge Gammon stated. "Beginning January 1, 1998, the passenger license plate or tag will be issued to the applicant or vehicle owner, not to the vehicle."

"This will be a major change for Alabamians who in the past have left the tag on a vehicle that was sold or traded," explains Judge Gammon. "This legislation was enacted primarily to aid law enforcement personnel in providing accurate information on vehicle ownership."

"Further, this act will protect the seller of used vehicles from false charges against them when the new owner intentionally delays changing the registration on the vehicle," he added.

All tags with the exception of the vintage tag will remain with the current tag owner for use on any subsequent vehicle the individual may own, as long as the subsequent vehicle requires the same tag classification and fee as the previously owned vehicle," explained Judge Gammon.

## County BOE makes policy changes

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education held Tuesday was mostly routine.

After eating lunch, board members met in the conference room shortly after 12 noon and moved through a short meeting agenda.

Superintendent Roger Bowden recommended a couple of changes be made in the board's policy. One concerned volunteer transportation of students and the other pertained to teacher aides.

A recent memo from the Alabama State Board of Education concerning volunteer drivers transporting students caused the superintendent to cease all such transportation. He, at that time, utilized school buses only

to be used in the transportation of students to any activity.

The state's memo was a result of a lawsuit that was filed in North Carolina concerning this type situation.

"We have found that it's impossible for us to transport every student that has to go on a trip by bus," said Bowden.

After reviewing the matter and looking at what other school systems are doing, Bowden recommended that the board implement the following policy.

A form will be completed verifying that the person or persons transporting students are properly insured and the vehicles being used are safe. The school system will also provide additional insurance to cover the students.

It was noted that it will be the responsibility of the principal of each of the schools in the system to insure that the proper forms are filled out prior to the transportation of any students.

The other recommendation from the superintendent concerned the hiring of teacher's aides.

It is a state requirement that all persons hired as teacher aides have a substitute teacher's certificate.

At the present time, the county system has not required a person to have the certificate prior to their being hired as an aide; however, they were required to have a high school

diploma and to obtain a certificate after they were hired.

Bowden recommended that the following policy be approved: After a person is interviewed for employment as a teacher's aide, and they are recommended for hire by the principal to the superintendent, the superintendent will require that the individual obtain a substitute teacher's certificate before he recommends their employment to the board.

The superintendent stated this will be a good thing since a background check of an individual is required before they can obtain a substitute teacher's certificate.

Both recommendations from the superintendent were approved by the board.

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**EARLY DEADLINE**

Next week, the week of Christmas, *The Elba Clipper* will be printing a day early. Therefore, ALL DEADLINES must, by necessity, be a day early. You are encouraged to submit all news and advertisements no later than noon on Monday, December 22nd.

**EARLY DEADLINE**

## HAPPENINGS

**CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING.** The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a training course for those interested in becoming instructors for CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid in January 1998. To attend the instructor classes, one must be currently certified for CPR (adult, infant, and child) and First Aid. Classes will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center on the following dates: January 10, 1998 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and January 12, 14, & 16 - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Interested individuals should call the Red Cross office at 347-2461 to register and discuss fees.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.** The 13th Annual Needy Children's Christmas Party at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary L. McAlley is set for the evening of December 19, 1997. The goal of this event is to provide a Christmas experience for needy children who may otherwise never have the opportunity to celebrate the season. Any individuals or groups willing to make a Christmas possible for one or more of these children are urged to do so. Contact Ms. Eva McGrath at 393-2618 during the day or Janet McAlley after 5 p.m. at 347-0484. Contributions may be mailed to: The Needy Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bimonthly meeting Monday, December 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET.** The annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1998. The banquet will be held at the Elba High School. The guest speaker for the event will be novelist and screenwriter Robert "Bob" Inman. For additional information concerning the banquet contact the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

## Sheriff Moates asking for public's help

Several burglaries which have occurred in rural parts of Coffee County has prompted the sheriff's department to ask the public for help.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates is soliciting the public's help in the investigation of a series of rural residential burglaries that have occurred recently.

Three of the five reported burglaries occurred just last week. All of them occurred during the daylight hours while victims were away from home.

All victims have reported guns stolen, along with some electronic equipment and money. In one instance, a number of two dollar bills were taken along with silver certificates and silver dollar coins.

Most of the burglaries have taken place in or around the Goodman Community area.

Sheriff Moates asks that anyone who might have information concerning these burglaries should call the sheriff's department at (334)894-5535.

The sheriff's department reminds all citizens that this is the season to take special precautions to help insure that they do not become victims of a crime.

The following are some helpful tips for the rural citizens of Coffee County to help make the holiday season a happy time. They are:

\*Before leaving home, notify neighbors to keep an eye on your place.

\*Be especially observant of strangers and suspicious activity, attempt to get tag numbers of suspicious vehicles and description of suspicious persons.

\*Do not leave large amounts of cash in your home.

\*Be sure all valuables are identified and serial numbers recorded in a safe place. Guns are most important.



**ONE KILLED TWO INJURED...** On a cold rainy evening, two automobiles collided leaving one lady dead and two others seriously injured. The crash occurred at approximately 5:10 p.m. last Thursday evening on U. S. Highway 84 East just outside the Elba city limits. It happened within feet of where another accident occurred on Monday, December 8, sending four persons to the hospital. Nell Edmondson, 72, of Elba was a passenger in a 1994 Lincoln driven by Frances Williams, 72, also of Elba. Mrs. Edmondson died in a Dothan hospital on Saturday morning from injuries sustained in the crash. Mrs. Williams and the driver and lone occupant of the other car (1994 Nissan) involved in the crash, Melissa Christman, 30, of Enterprise, were taken to a Dothan hospital where they remain. They are both listed as being in stable condition. All victims were taken to Elba General Hospital by units from Coffee County EMS and the Elba Rescue Squad. In the picture above, rescue personnel are working to free the occupants of the Lincoln. Assisting rescue personnel at the scene were units from the Elba Fire Department and Elba Police Department. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers. Shortly after 6:20 p.m., another unrelated accident occurred on Smith Avenue in Elba. A 1991 Pontiac driven by Terry Wayne Sewell, 20, of Elba, collided with a pickup truck being driven by Coy D. Richardson, 59, of Elba. Sewell was taken to Elba General Hospital by the Elba Rescue Squad where he was treated and later released. Richardson was not hurt in the crash. The second accident was investigated by the Elba Police Department.

## Elba school board approves borrowing money to complete ballfield complex

The Elba City School Board voted last Thursday evening (December 11th) at 5:45 p.m. to borrow up to \$60,000 to complete construction of the transportation facility, baseball/softball field complex and erosion control.

The vote was to accept a recommendation by Superintendent Charles Pearce.

Board Chairman Reverend Aubrey Williams presided at the meeting. All members were present and voting. The opening prayer was led by board member Daniel Stephens.

The board also heard a report from Pearce on the recent decision by the state department of education to postpone the class reduction standards for Alabama

schools until August of 1998. The previous deadline set by the state superintendent of education had been January, 1998.

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## Elba police arrest burglar and robber

An Elba man has been arrested and charged with robbery and burglary.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, of the Elba Police Department, a residence located on Carver drive was apparently broken into and burglarized on Wednesday, December 10, 1997.

At the time of the burglary, the owner of the home returned while the perpetrator was still in the residence and was robbed by the intruder.

After the burglar left the house, the owner called 911.

Nathaniel Reed, 19, of 102 Carver Drive, Elba, AL, has been arrested and charged with robbery in the third degree and burglary in the third degree.

Reed is being held in the Coffee County Jail without bond pending a hearing.

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